



TIGER TRACKS



**TES Students are
Grrreat!!!**



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....



Hats Off to Everyone!!

We had a tremendous and exciting start to the new school year! I have enjoyed meeting the students, families, staff and community members through our Open Houses, PTA sponsored functions and daily duties. I am so fortunate to be at Taylorsville Elementary and have the opportunity to get to know each of you.

As we move further into our year I would like to take time to remind all of our fami-

lies that your involvement is very important. The success of our children depends on the collaboration that the teachers and parents maintain. Whether volunteering in the classroom, reading with your child, tutoring students or signing the nightly agenda, your role is very important and we appreciate you greatly.

We look forward to the opportunities for families during the month of September and hope to see everyone here on:

September 17th and 18th—
Grandparents' Day
Letter invitations sent home

September 17th
Family Fun Night
5:00-6:30 p.m.

September 25th
Morning with Mom
7:45-8:45 a.m.

Here's to a
wonderful month!

Sincerely,

MariAnn Arnold
Principal, TES

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 9

Paragon Fundraiser begins

September 12

Progress Reports Go Home

September 16—20

PTA Book Fair

September 17

Grandparents Day, Kdg, 1st & 5th

September 17

Family Fun Night 5:00—6:30 p.m.

September 18

Grandparents Day, 2nd, 3rd & 4th

September 23

Paragon Fundraiser orders due

September 24

Picture Day

September 24

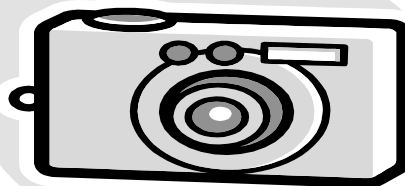
SBDM Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

September 25

Mornings with Mom 7:45-8:45 a.m.

Infinite Campus Parent Por-

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal is a great way to keep up with your child's grades, attendance, and lunch accounts. Grades K-2 provides information regarding your child's attendance records and lunch account. Grades 3-5 will allow parents to view attendance as well as homework assignments, grades, and lunch account. If you are interested in utilizing the Parent Portal, please email Ms. DiSisto natisha.disisto@spencer.kyschools.us in the main office for log in information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

PICTURE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 24TH

TES OFFICE STAFF

Principal
MariAnn Arnold

Counselor
Heidi Heiss

Secretary/Attendance
Natisha DiSisto

Bookkeeper
Tammy Johnson

Receptionist
Kim Hood

Family Resource Coordinator
Becky Wilson
477-0199



Nurse *Notes*

Welcome back to our returning students and a big "Welcome" to our new students! I will take this opportunity to address some important health related issues.

Chronic Health Conditions

Students with health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, life threatening allergies, seizures or any other condition that may warrant health care while at school must have a school health care plan completed by the student's physician. The plan indicates how the student has access to their "life sustaining" medications (such as inhalers, epipens, diastat or glucagon), classroom accommodations (if applicable), and emergency care/safety. Please call me if we do not have this plan in place for the 2013-2014 school year.

Medication Policy

Medications should be given at home whenever possible. Any medication (prescription or over the counter) must have a completed Medication Authorization Form on file in the Health Office in order for school personnel to safely administer the medication. Parent/Guardian must bring the medication to school in the original container. Prescription medication must have the pharmacy label. Students are not permitted to bring any medication (including cough drops, topical ointments) into the school or transport on the bus unless it is a "life sustaining" medication and it is authorized by the student's physician and the proper paperwork has been completed.

Appropriate Footwear

Play is important for the development of physical, emotional, social and intellectual capabilities of children. It is difficult and dangerous for a student to move and run in flip flops or sandals. Please send your child to school with flat, closed toe/closed heel shoe everyday.

The month of September we will be doing vision screens for 1st, 3rd and 5th grades and hearing screens for K, 2nd and 4th grades. If your child needs a follow up exam, I will send you a notice. These follow ups need to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping to supply the Health Room with sponges (ice packs), paper towels, zip lock bags, and wipes! If you have any concerns or questions about the health/safety of your student, please give me a call. I am looking forward to a healthy school year at TES!!!!

Jennifer Goodlett, RN
TES Health Office
477-3272



Beginning in September.....

"PURR" FECT ATTENDANCE CLUB

**Come one.....come all.....become a member of Taylorsville Elementary School's
"Purr" fect Attendance Club!**

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- 1 **COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY** – No excused or unexcused absences.
- 2 **BE ON TIME TO SCHOOL** – No excused or unexcused tardies to school and no excused or unexcused early dismissals.
- 3 **ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NO ABSENCES & NO TARDIES AT THE END OF EACH MONTH WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE "PURR" FECT ATTENDANCE CLUB.**

HERE IS WHAT YOU COULD WIN COURTESY OF THE TAYLORSVILLE PTA:

- 1 **WIN A \$20 GIFT CARD TO WAL-MART EACH MONTH** – TES PTA believes that attendance is important! All students who become a member of the "Purr" fect Attendance Club each month will have their names put into a drawing to win a \$20 Gift Card to Wal-Mart for the student & their family. Gift Card drawings will take place every month and the winners will be announced in the Tiger Tracks Newsletter.
- 2 **WIN A BICYCLE** – All students with "Purr" fect Attendance for the entire school year will have their names put into a drawing at the end of the school year to win a bicycle. Their names will also be submitted for the Spencer County Magnet.

HERE IS WHAT YOU COULD EARN COURTESY OF THE BUSINESSES OF TAYLORSVILLE:

- 1 **TASTY TREATS** – The local businesses of Taylorsville believe that "Purr" fect Attendance is important too!! All students who become members of the "Purr" fect Attendance Club each month will earn a free treat courtesy of local businesses in Taylorsville Elementary School. Treat certificates will be handed out to all "Purr" fect Attendance Members from the attendance clerk every month.
- 2 **RECOGNITION** - All "Purr" fect Attendance Club Members will have their names put into the monthly Tiger Tracks Newsletter. Their names will go on a special bulletin board and they will be submitted to the Spencer County Magnet.



Support TES through Fundraisers

**COLLECT ALL THESE TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR
TES!**

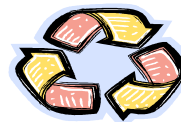
*Box Tops for Education
Campbell's Soup Labels*

Send them to us in your child's backpack!



INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

TES is participating in the Staples Ink Recycling rewards program. Please send in your empty Ink Cartridges. TES will recycle them with Staples and receive \$2.00 per cartridge to purchase supplies for our School at Staples. We thank you for your support in this effort.



Family Fun Night

Promoting a Healthy Mind and Body

Tuesday, Sept. 17

5:00-6:30 pm

**Fun READING and MATH activities in the
SCIENCE ROOM**

BOOK FAIR in the VOLUNTEER ROOM

Rock Climbing,
Milk Mustache Booth
Snappy Tomato Pizza
and "Snappy" the mascot

Smoothies
Taste Testing

Plus many more activities!!



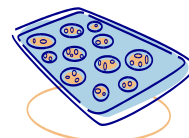
PARAGON Fundraiser

It's time for our annual Fall Fundraiser! This year, our children will be participating in a Paragon Promotions catalog sale. The materials will be handed out to your child on Monday, Sept. 9th. We ask that you contact family, friends and neighbors to help support our school. The fundraiser will last for 10 days and the orders and money will need to be turned in on Monday, Sept. 23rd.

The money that is raised will be used to help support our technology program here at Taylorsville Elementary. For example, in the past we have been able to purchase:

Smart Boards	I-pads
Document cameras	Printers

Your continued support is greatly appreciated as we strive to provide the technology we need in our schools.



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Transportation Changes: Transportation changes must be in writing by a **parent or guardian**. Phone calls are not accepted for transportation changes. If a parent or guardian has an **EMERGENCY** during the day which requires a change of transportation, one may either fax or bring in a note no later than 3:00 pm.

Arrival: Car Drop off for morning routine will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Jefferson St. entrance. School doors will be locked at 8:50 am. If your child is late, please park your car in the school parking lot and sign your child in at the school office.

Car Rider Pick Up and Dismissal: Students are not dismissed through school office. Students will be given a car rider number tag. This car number tag needs to be placed in the front window of your car. Parents may pick up a car number tag in the school office. Pick up begins at 3:35 pm. If your child is not picked up by 4:00 pm he/she will be sent to Bear Care. Parents will be charged for this service.



Counselor's

Corner

Welcome Back!

These first few weeks teachers have been teaching the students about our school wide expectations. August was a chance for students to get to know and understand these expectations and school procedures. September will begin our recognition of students' Tiger Pride' and 'Pawsitives' (see summary explanation in this newsletter).

The first round of our district testing with MAP began August 26th. Teachers will soon have their data reports to review these results and plan for helping students in areas that they struggled.

Grandparents' Day is coming up quick, Sept. 17th and 18th. We will send home invitations soon so that you can share those with your

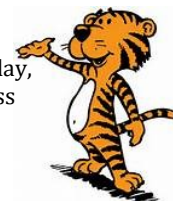
grandparents. If you can't find that invitation, there is a 'cut out' at the bottom of Counselor's Corner to remind you of when your grandparents may come join their grandchild for lunch.

There are many ways I try to help in the building, but please remember that one of my main purposes is to help your children. My classroom lessons begin in September. We will continue over the next few weeks discussing skills such as listening, tattling, teasing, bullying, and personal safety. I also have a green mailbox at my door for any notes that students may wish to share with me. This is an opportunity for your children to let me know when they need to talk or simply share with me the wonderful things that happen in their life.

Should you need to call, my extension number at school is 3240. Voice mail is set up for those times I happen to be away from my desk. You can also reach me by e-mail heidi.heiss@spencer.kyschools.us

Thanks so much to all of you for working with your child at home and supporting our Tiger Pride. If you happen to think of something you would like for me to provide information on in the next newsletter please let me know. I'll do my best to help.

Have a wonderful day,
Heidi Heiss



Bucket Fillers



Has your child come home saying someone helped fill their bucket today? Are you wondering what that means? Let me explain. In my introductory guidance lesson we read the book, Have you Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids. Basically it says that we all carry an invisible bucket that contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When our bucket is empty, we feel sad. A "bucket filler" is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing or saying kind things, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. On the other hand, a "bucket dipper" says or does things to cause other people to feel bad. A bucket dipper empties their bucket when they say and do mean things.

This book helps teach children the concept of giving back in a light-hearted but appropriate way. Examples are given so that children can learn ways to help others at home and school, and we discussed these in class as well. The best message of all is the affirmation that giving not only helps the receiver but the mere act of giving also benefits the giver. All of TES is encouraged to build up our community and 'fill buckets' by saying, writing, or showing kind words, compliments or actions to each other.

Each student was given a 'bucket filler-smile' card and a kind word from me. I've asked the students to pass the card and a kind word along to someone else in a few days. I know that there will be forgotten and lost cards. And we talked about how some weeks we might get more than one card... and some weeks we might not get any cards. But, to keep an eye open for our friends who look like they need a kind word. I'm hopeful that the cards will continue to be passed along, but I'm more hopeful that the students will get in the good habit of finding ways of being kind, and noticing when others could use a smile.



GRANDPARENTS' DAYS @ TES

Tues., Sept. 17th K / 1st / 5th

Wed., Sept. 18th for 2nd / 3rd / 4th

*Watch for invitations—your special lunch time will be there!



TES PTA News

BACK TO SCHOOL



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Do you keep forgetting to send in your PTA dues? It is not too late! Please send in your form and your \$5 dues if you have not done so. Our membership goal this year is 175 members. We currently have 140. The first class with 100% membership will receive a special reward party! The membership contest will end right before Fall Break (top class with be rewarded if no class is at 100%) so send in those dues! You do not have to volunteer to join PTA. Or if you want to volunteer, but are not available during the school day, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer at night or complete projects for the school.

PTA will sponsor the book fair September 16-20. There will also be a family fun night on September 17th and the book fair will be open at that time for you to shop with your child. Our "trash bag" fundraiser will kick off in October as a new type of fundraising for TES! This is a fundraiser we can all find a use for!

Please "like" Taylorsville Elementary PTA on Facebook for updates including information about our first meeting of the year!

Project BALANCE



Project Balance

Hello, my name is Robin Mayes and I am the Healthy Lifestyle Coach for TES. This is my 3rd year as coach and also my last. TES received a grant to promote healthy living and exercise. I will be assessing your child in PE class with a nutritional survey, PACER test, and sending home pedometers. If you have any questions, please email me at: robin.mayes@spencer.kyschools.us

BALANCE TIP:

Drinking plenty of water daily is a very important part of successful weight loss. Recent studies have shown that the body confuses the sensation of thirst and hunger. If the body is dehydrated, the thirst sensation may be mistaken for hunger and one may eat when the body actually needs fluids. If you feel hungry, try drinking water before giving into your food craving.

Upcoming Events:

- FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 5:00-6:30
- Pedometers will be going home on Monday, Sept. 9 for 5th graders.
- Pedometers will be going home on Thursday, Sept. 12 for K-4 graders.
- **PLEASE be looking for pedometers in your child's backpack or folder.

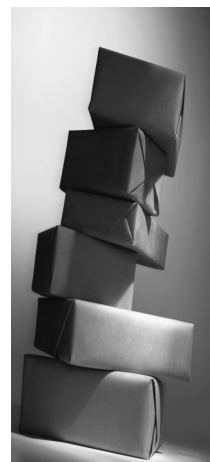
BIRTHDAY PARTY REMINDERS....

Birthday Parties are a health concern and are not permitted due to the increasing number of dangerous food allergies and other health issues that we have in the building, not to mention the disruption of instructional time that is taking place as well. We will continue to have treats on planned holiday parties as we do not want to eliminate all the "fun" from school. During these times, those parents that have children with health concerns are able to plan in advance for their child's special food needs. Each teacher will develop a way to recognize birthdays that best suits their individual classrooms, which will not include treats. Please look for this information from your child's teacher to be sent home.



SHOE BOXES NEEDED

5th Grades needs boxes for history projects! Anyone that can send in **empty shoeboxes** for a fifth grade geography project for the first week of September, please give them to Ms. Kimberly Tanner Room 216.





TES Tiger Pride Positive Behavior Intervention System

Recognition for GREAT behavior

WEEKLY Students who maintain their behavior for the entire week

will be recognized in the classroom. (Ex. Teacher displays their tiger paw in classroom or hallway.)

MONTHLY Students who maintain their behavior for the entire

month will have their name displayed on the Tiger Pride Bulletin Board in the front stairwell.

Each of these students will have their name entered into a drawing for their grade levels Student of the Month.

If drawn they will receive a certificate and t-shirt during a morning assembly, and eat lunch with Miss Heiss one day.

GRADING PERIOD Students who maintain their behavior for the

nine weeks period will have their name read in the morning assembly. Their names will also be submitted to the Spencer Magnet.

YEARLY Students who maintain their behavior for the entire school year will receive a

certificate in the Awards Assembly at the end of the year. We also plan to have a special reward for these students. (Last year they received a Snappy Tomato gift certificate and t-shirt).

Students will have August as a time to become familiar with their teachers' expectations. We will begin recognizing GREAT behavior in the month of September.

Pawsitives

Students have been given a 'Pawsitives' punch card. When they are caught doing something above and beyond, they will receive a paper punch on their card. After a student has 10 punches he/she can turn the card in to their teacher for a spin on the prize wheel and a new card. The prize choices may change through the months, but will always include a chance to visit the Tiger Pride Prize store in Miss Heiss' office. Teachers are encouraged to communicate who has filled in their card. This could be done by special note and/or including a section in their newsletter home.

At the end of each month completed cards will be turned in for a special drawing (one per grade level). Students that are drawn will be able to choose an adult or friend they would like to eat lunch with them, and receive a Tiger Pride water bottle.



Behavior Logs and Office Referrals

Student's Behavior Log					Week of	Check for Notes	
i g e r P r i d e	Monday	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw
	Tuesday	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw
	Wednesday	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw
	Thursday	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw
	Friday	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw	Paw
I Pledge to Give my best, Respect others, Encourage safety, Always be prepared, and Take responsibility for my actions. Because at Taylorsville we're grreat!!!					I am GREAT!		

Teachers will send home record of student behavior. Our teachers may use a behavior log similar to the one pictured on the left. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. We want to keep the communication lines open and everyone working together.

General Guide for Classroom Consequences

TES implements the 1-2-3 countdown approach allowing for warnings.

First Minor Correction – Lose ½ free time

Second Minor Correction – Lose all free time.

Third Minor Correction – Add apology letter & Parent Contact

Fourth Minor Correction – Add Office referral & Additional Parent Contact.

Minor Behaviors will be handled by the classroom teacher. However when a student continues to repeat minor behaviors this may be referred to the office. As a guide three minors equal a major.

Major Behaviors will be referred to the Principal.

**Minor Behaviors**

Inappropriate Language
Physical Contact
Defiance/Non-Compliance (low intensity)
Disrespect (low intensity)
Disruption (low intensity)
Property Misuse
Dress Code (just outside guidelines)
Forgery/Theft (low value)
Other

Major Behaviors

Abusive Language
Fighting/Physical Aggression
Overt Defiance/Non-Compliance
Overt Disrespect
Lying/Cheating
Harassment
Bullying
Disruption

Property Damage
Forgery/Theft
Skipping Class/Truant
Dress Code
Technology Violation
Use/Possession of Weapon
Other

Classroom Interventions will be provided to avoid continuing misbehaviors. Some possibilities are....

Proximity	Time Out	Apology Letter	Student Conference
Loss of Free Time	Parent Contact	Resource Assistance	Behavior Contract

Office Consequences will vary depending on the severity and continuance of behavior. Some possibilities are...

Time in Office	Loss of Privilege	Conference	Parent Contact
Time Out/Detention	Restitution	Individual Instruction	Bus suspension
Lunch Detention	Community Service	In-School Suspension	Out of School Suspension
Expulsion	Alternate Setting Placement		

I Pledge to

Give my best,
Respect others,
Encourage safety,
Always be prepared, and
Take responsibility for my actions.

Because at Taylorsville we're grrreat!!!

**Year Books**

We still have a few
12/13 Yearbook left

\$18.00 for Softcover &
\$22.00 for Hard Cover

Contact Ms. Little at ext. 3253.

REMEMBER

SAVE THOSE CAN TABS

Please send in your can tabs. These will be turned in to help support families that need the Ronald McDonald House through a Ronald McDonald House Charity Collection Program.

